

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET INFORMATION

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS (22)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Department of Environmental Affairs will support the Mayor's vision to transform the government of the City of Detroit to the Next Detroit by applying the Next Detroit guiding principles which means a commitment to structural balancing by managing costs and improving services to citizens.

The Department of Environmental Affairs will play an integral role in supporting Mayor Kilpatrick's vision and mission to create a clean Detroit by focusing on the responsibilities of the environmental enforcement division, whose primary charge is the enforcement of Chapter 22 of the City Code-the Handling of Solid Waste and Prevention of Illegal Dumping Ordinance.

The Environmental Affairs Department manages and coordinates the environmental affairs of the City of Detroit through the development and implementation of a coordinated and comprehensive environmental policy. This environmental policy shall provide for the protection and enhancement of the quality of life for the citizens of Detroit; provide the skills, resources and enforcement activities needed to maintain the City in compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and provide for the most effective and sustainable use of the natural resources (land, water and air) available to the City.

DESCRIPTION

The Department of Environmental Affairs interacts with federal, state and local agencies and with sister agencies of the City of Detroit to improve and protect the City's water, air, and land resources. The department undertakes this task by way of

its two Divisions: 1) the Administrative Division and 2) the Environmental Enforcement Division. The Administrative Division consists of technical personnel (Environmental Specialists) and program administrators. The Environmental Specialists are assigned to one of two areas of specialization: 1) Environmental Assessment and Response (Brownfields); and 2) Solid Waste. The administrative personnel provide support to both divisions and actively pursue and manage grants for the assessment and clean-up of the environment and for Brownfield Redevelopment. The Environmental Enforcement Division is comprised of Environmental Control Inspectors and is supported by the Solid Waste Environmental Specialist. Its primary charge is the enforcement of Chapter 22 of the City Code – the Handling of Solid Waste and Prevention of Illegal Dumping Ordinance – and with technical support from the Environmental Specialist in the Solid Waste Program to monitor the compliance of solid waste facilities located or doing business in the City of Detroit.

MAJOR INITIATIVES FOR FY 2006-07

The department's major initiatives are to: 1) facilitate the reuse and redevelopment of brownfield sites and 2) protect the City's watershed from harmful pollution. The department actively participates in the 10 Cluster meetings held by the Planning and Development Department to assist planners and developers in implementing strategies that will address environmental issues early in the process, including identifying environmental risks. The department also seeks funding for assessment, clean-up and demolition of brownfield sites. Through

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DEA the City recently received approximately \$2.0 Million under the MDEQ Clean Michigan Initiative bond program for demolition of the cement silos along the riverfront.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE FOR FY 2007-08, FY 2008-09 and BEYOND

The Environmental Affairs Department's role in the Next Detroit Neighborhood Initiative (NDNI) will transform the city's neighborhoods into vibrant areas for its citizens to work, play, and live. By improving basic quality of life issues in maintaining clean neighborhoods by providing aggressive code enforcement against solid waste violations and illegal dumping. As well as assist in reducing the rodent population by providing rodent baiting, and outreach and education on maintaining properties free of areas conducive to rodent infestation.

DEA is undertaking a project that will significantly change how Brownfield properties are addressed with interested parties (i.e., planners, developers, etc.), and how property information is received and stored (i.e., electronically), and utilized (i.e., preliminary risk assessments). Through partnership with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and cooperation with multiple public and private stakeholders, a geographic information system (GIS) has been constructed that will support Brownfield redevelopment initiatives in Michigan's oldest industrial city.

Three target investigation areas (TIAs) within the City were selected to triangulate the downtown, central business district and evaluate the area-wide site assessment concept. Additionally, the TIAs were

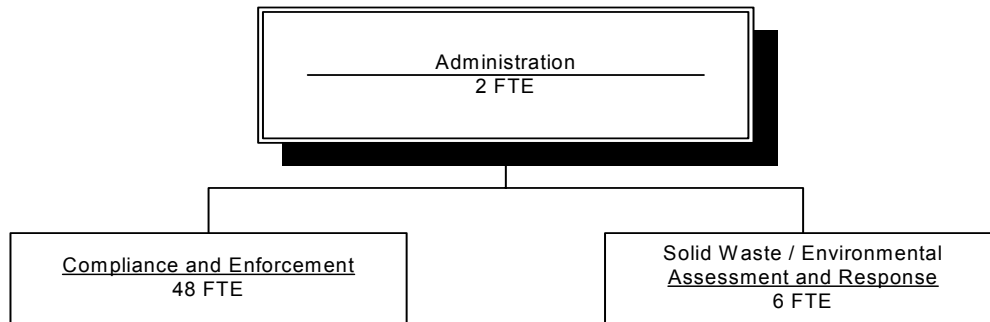
selected to focus on riverfront reuse and capitalize on the Detroit River as an asset despite its previous industrial use. The initial phase of development, in FY 06, for the area-wide assessment framework involved the compilation, review, and evaluation of potential information resources that store or provide data on properties within the City.

DEA is also enhancing its Solid Waste Monitoring Program. The City will monitor and inspect solid waste facilities within its limits to assure that they are in compliance with the law or that they will achieve compliance. DEA will work with the Wayne County Department of Environment and the MDEQ Waste Management Division to assure that all solid waste facilities in the City of Detroit are properly licensed, managed and are part of the Wayne County Solid Waste Management Plan. DEA has already begun this initiative through the development of a Host Community Agreement that will govern the allowable operations of such facilities and will include stipulated penalties for violation of the Agreement.

DEA has applied for Vacant and Abandoned Lots System (VALMS) funding to address the excessive numbers of vacant and abandoned properties that require annual upkeep from the general fund.

VALMS will save time by quickly recognizing and determining actual lots mowed or cleaned up, lower costs, properly bill public and private land owners, and collect fees. It will assist in determining land use (recreational use, other zoned use, and excess city property) and reduce citizen complaints.

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PERFORMANCE GOALS, MEASURES AND TARGETS

Type of Performance Measure:	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
List of Measures	Actual	Projection	Target
Outputs: Units of Activity directed toward Goals			
Percentage of City departments targeted	30%	30%	30%
Number of sites addressed	150	150	200
Number of liaison activities with state regulators	50	50	75
Number of liaison activities with federal regulators	25	25	30
Number of grant awards	6	6	8
Percent of compliance of violators	30%	60%	75%
Number of households contacted – environmental	12,000	50,000	75,000
Number of non-complying properties issued violation tickets	7,500	20,000	30,000

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EXPENDITURES

	2005-06		2006-07	2007-08		Variance
	Actual		Redbook	Mayor's		Percent
	Expense			Budget Rec	Variance	
Salary & Wages	\$ 956,336	\$	2,166,052	\$ 2,235,040	\$ 68,988	3%
Employee Benefits	611,868		1,588,929	1,492,871	(96,058)	-6%
Prof/Contractual	445,361		276,811	244,000	(32,811)	-12%
Operating Supplies	11,974		112,276	93,856	(18,420)	-16%
Operating Services	167,821		272,202	254,077	(18,125)	-7%
Capital Equipment	-		13,000	8,000	(5,000)	-38%
Other Expenses	388,581		3,584	5,084	1,500	42%
TOTAL	\$ 2,581,941	\$	4,432,854	\$ 4,332,928	\$ (99,926)	-2%
POSITIONS	21		57	56	(1)	-2%

REVENUES

	2005-06		2006-07	2007-08		Variance
	Actual		Redbook	Mayor's		Percent
	Revenue			Budget Rec	Variance	
Fines/Forfeits/Pen	\$ 167,334	\$	4,166,400	\$ 4,110,240	\$ (56,160)	-1%
Rev From Use of Assets	47,691		-	-	-	0%
Grants/Shared	487,201		-	-	-	0%
Sales and Charges	9,555		68,000	68,000	-	0%
Sales of Assets	455,000		-	-	-	0%
TOTAL	\$ 1,166,781	\$	4,234,400	\$ 4,178,240	\$ (56,160)	-1%